

Amendments to the Claims

The listing of claims will replace the previous version, and the listing of claims:

Listing of Claims

1-4. (canceled)

5. (previously presented) The method for manufacturing the thermoplastic resin vessel according to claim 15, wherein the clamping step comprises the steps of: extruding a part of a resin in [[a]] the portion corresponding to the flange portion ~~in flange~~ inner and outer peripheral directions; and forming the flange portion.

6-10. (canceled)

11. (previously presented) The method for manufacturing the thermoplastic resin vessel according to claim 15, wherein the thermoplastic resin sheet is formed of at least a thermoplastic polyester resin.

12-14. (canceled)

15. (currently amended) A method for manufacturing a thermoplastic resin vessel, comprising the sequential steps of:

1) fixing an outer periphery of a portion to be formed to a thermoplastic resin sheet outside a forming portion of a cut cup-shaped vessel at a fixing position of the of a thermoplastic resin sheet by pre-clamped molds;

2) pre-forming an inner portion of the fixed portion of the thermoplastic resin sheet ~~relative to the fixing position~~ by a

plug, wherein a portion corresponding to an orifice portion or a flange portion of the cup-shaped vessel is drawn;

3) clamping ~~[[a]]~~ the portion corresponding to the orifice portion or the flange portion of the cup-shaped vessel further by an upper mold and a lower mold ~~at a clamping position~~;

4) drawing an inner portion of the ~~thermoplastic resin sheet~~ relative to the clamping position clamped portion further by the plug;

5) pneumatically forming a ~~drawn thermoplastic resin sheet~~ the drawn portion into a shape of ~~[[a]]~~ the lower mold heated at not less than a crystallization temperature of the thermoplastic resin sheet, and thermally fixing the sheet; and

6) decompressing an inside of ~~[[a]]~~ the formed article to contract the formed article into a shape of the plug which is a final vessel shape, and cooling the article.

16. (Canceled)